

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of transmitting information to a telephone subscriber terminal unit from a local exchange of a telephone network to which the telephone subscriber terminal unit is connected via at least one analog telephone line, the method comprising:

generating and encoding command or information messages at the local exchange;
transmitting the command or information messages from the local exchange to the telephone subscriber terminal unit in addition to sending speech signals and telephone signaling via the analog telephone line; and

receiving the command or information messages from the local exchange at the telephone subscriber terminal unit, and decoding and interpreting the command or information messages which were encoded at the local exchange in information processing means of the telephone subscriber terminal unit in order to display the command or information messages as text messages at the telephone subscriber terminal unit or output the command or information messages as speech messages at the telephone subscriber terminal unit.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the command or information messages are transmitted to the telephone subscriber terminal unit from the local exchange in response to a service request from the telephone subscriber terminal unit.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the command or information messages are messages whose content is intended to be at least temporarily stored at the telephone subscriber terminal unit that receives ~~them~~ said command or information messages.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the command or information messages are command transmission messages.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A local exchange of a telephone network which is connected by at least one analog telephone line to at least one telephone subscriber terminal unit comprising a management logic unit for managing the telephone subscriber terminal unit, the local exchange comprising a command and information message processing unit for generating and ~~sending encoding~~ command or information messages which are transmitted from the local exchange carrier to the management logic unit of the telephone subscriber terminal unit in addition to sending speech signals and telephone signaling, each command or information

message being ~~coded~~ encoded so that the command or information message can be transmitted via an analog telephone line from the exchange to the unit.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A telephone subscriber terminal unit, adapted to be connected by at least one analog telephone line to a local exchange of a telephone network, and, said telephone subscriber terminal unit comprising a management logic unit for managing said telephone subscriber terminal unit, the management logic unit comprising means for communicating and processing information enabling the management logic to receive command ~~and/or~~ information messages generated and encoded by ~~and transmitted from~~ the local exchange, wherein said command or information messages are transmitted from the local exchange to the telephone subscriber terminal unit via the analog telephone line in addition to speech signals and telephone signaling transmitted from said local exchange, said command or information messages being decoded and processed for display as text messages or output as speech messages.